

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the title to be more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims²⁰⁶ are directed by adopting the title suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have also amended the specification to delete reference therein to the claims and have amended the abstract as required by the Examiner.

Applicants have also amended the claims to eliminate the informalities noted by the Examiner in numbered sections 6-10 of the Office Action and to even more clearly define the invention by adopting the suggestions made by the Examiner in numbered sections 13, 16 and 17 of the Office Action. Non-elected claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the title, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement in numbered section 5 of the Office Action are requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the abstract, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the abstract in numbered section 4 of the Office Action are requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 in numbered sections 6-11 of the Office Action are requested.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In response to this rejection, Applicants have amended claim 7 to change "the side to" to read --an end facing a direction in-- and to change "the other side" to read --an opposite end--. In view of these amendments, it is submitted

claim 7 is clearly supported by an enabling disclosure. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, are requested.

Claims 3-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit the claims were not indefinite for the reasons set forth in the Office Action since those skilled in the art would understand the scope and content of the claims. However, the claims have been amended to even more clearly define the invention and are clearly in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in numbered paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

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